

**CITY OF RICHFIELD, MINNESOTA
MAYORAL DECLARATION NO. 2020-2
PROCLAMATION OF A CIVIL EMERGENCY**

May 29, 2020 – Civil Emergency

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Richfield finds that the following factual situation exists:

1. The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota, have experienced widespread civil unrest since at least May 26, 2020.
2. Said civil unrest has included violent and destructive acts that have placed public safety at risk and resulted in near catastrophic property damage.
3. The City of Richfield geographically borders Minneapolis and is in close proximity to St. Paul.
4. Reports and observations of local law enforcement personnel and emergency first responders establish that as of May 28, 2020, incidents of said civil unrest have been observed within the City of Richfield.
5. The law enforcement personnel and emergency first responders for the City of Richfield expect violent and destructive acts of civil unrest to continue and escalate without invocation of certain portions of the City's emergency management plan.

WHEREAS, the Richfield Code of Ordinances, subsection 900.21, authorizes the Mayor to declare the existence of a civil emergency, which is defined as “any act or unlawful assembly characterized by the use of actual force or violence or any threat to use force or act with violence if accompanied with the immediate power to execute such threat by three (3) or more persons acting in concert without authority of law”;

WHEREAS, the Richfield Code of Ordinances, subsection 900.21, also authorizes the Mayor to issue supplemental orders to effectuate the purpose of the ordinance, including the authority to impose a curfew during such hours of the day or night as deemed necessary in the interest of public safety and welfare;

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the factual situation is sudden, unforeseen, and could not have been reasonably anticipated as it currently exists and that numerous incidents meeting the definition of a civil emergency have occurred within the boundaries of the City;

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that the factual situation threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of and property within the City of Richfield;

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that conditions within the City of Richfield have the potential to worsen quickly and without notice due to the factual situation;

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds that traditional governmental processes are unable to appropriately protect the safety and property of the general public.

THEREFORE, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 12.29 and Richfield Code of Ordinances Subsection 900.21, the Mayor of Richfield proclaims and orders as follows:

1. A civil emergency is in effect in the City of Richfield as of 9:00 p.m. on May 29, 2020.
2. This proclamation immediately invokes all necessary and applicable portions of the City's emergency management plan.
3. A City-wide curfew is in place for all person within the City of Richfield, the hours of which are 9:00 p.m. May 29, 2020 to 6:00 a.m., May 30, 2020, and starting again on 8:00 p.m., May 30, 2020 to 6:00 a.m. May 31, 2020.
4. The curfew does not extend to people traveling to or from work, emergency services, law enforcement, people seeking emergency medical care or fleeing danger, the homeless and the news media.
5. This proclamation shall be in effect and in force until the next regular meeting of the Council, pursuant to Subsection 900.21, subd. 4 of the city code, at which time the Council may ratify or disaffirm the Mayor's actions.
6. Violation of this curfew order is a misdemeanor pursuant to Subsection 900.21, subd. 5.
7. This proclamation shall be given prompt and general publicity.

Dated: May 29, 2020



Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor